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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **Communiqué from the Fourth All-Wales Economic Summit (06.02.09)**
- **New plan announced to boost social enterprises in Wales (09.02.09)**
- **Minister warns Assembly Government will use legislation to end use of one trip plastic bags (11.02.09)**
- **Minister announces new funding to turn waste into bio-gas in Wales (12.02.09)**
- **Announcement of a new doctorate programme for leading practitioners in the field of sustainable development (17.02.09)**
- **Assembly Government plan to get Wales walking and cycling (23.02.09)**
- **Minister for Rural Affairs issues statement on GM Crops (24.02.09)**
- **Ministerial statement on Fair Trade Fortnight (24.02.09)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **Report of the Rural Development Sub-committee on its inquiry into the Review of Axis 2 (the funding of agri-environment and land management schemes) of the Wales Rural Development Plan 2007 - 2013 (02.02.09)**
- **Rural Development Sub-Committee continue their inquiry into the production and promotion of Welsh Food (05.02.09)**
- **Welsh Conservatives lead debate on Wales' tourism industry (11.02.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee undertake an inquiry into the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales (12.02.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee continue their inquiry into the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the international economic downturn (12 and 26.02.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee continue their inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales with a scrutiny session on Land Use (26.02.09)**

CONSULTATIONS

- Consultation on Operational Guidance for Improving Local Bus Services (deadline 9th March)
- Revised Guidance on the Power to Promote or Improve Economic, Social and Environmental Well-Being (deadline 20th March)
- The All Wales Community Cohesion Strategy (deadline 6th April)
- Severn Tidal Power Feasibility Study: Public Consultation (deadline 23rd April)
- Proposals on the future of Community Health Councils in Wales (deadline 24th April)
- Sustainable Homes: A National Housing Strategy for Wales Consultation (deadline 1st May)
- Consultation on the Financial Inclusion Strategy for Wales (deadline 4th May)
- Consultation on the draft heatwave plan for Wales (deadline 8th May)
- Consultation on a Bioenergy Action Plan for Wales (deadline 22nd May)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Tomorrow's Wales publish leaflet on 'The Future of Wales', supporting the intention of the 'One Wales' Government to give the Assembly law-making powers
- New Economics Foundation publish 'National Accounts of Well-being: bringing real wealth onto the balance sheet' (24.01.09)
- New Economics Foundation publish 'Green Well Fair: Three economies for social justice' (05.02.09)
- Defra publish a Sustainable Clothing Action Plan (19.02.09)

COMING UP

Report on the implementation of Sustainable development targets and policies by the Welsh Assembly Government : Environment, Sustainability and Housing Portfolio (05.03.09)

Enterprise and Learning Committee to scrutinise the Minister for Economy and Transport on the Walking and Cycling strategy as part of its consideration of its Draft Proposed legislation on traffic-free routes.

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